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time. I note the statement made by the Member that some of these schools are not really located in places inaccessible to the Elavas. If the Member will send up a list of such schools, an enquiry will be made, and should his statement be found correct, steps will be taken to throw them open to the Elavas.

In regard to Elava *girls*, I have to repeat what I stated to the last Assembly that, in the case of many of the girls' schools, the first effect of forcing Elava girls into them would probably be to empty them of the Brahmin and Nair girls. His Highness' Government are not prepared to force matters in that direction. They hope that the time would come when public feeling would so far have changed that it would be possible for Brahmin, Nair and Elava girls to sit together in all rural places, as the boys of those communities are now doing. *Till then*, the remedy open is, as indicated by me to the last Assembly, for Elavas to open girls' schools of their own, to which Government would gladly give liberal grants. Government are also prepared to open schools specially for Elava girls in places where the probable attendance would justify such opening and where the community is too poor and backward to open schools for themselves. If the Yogam, of which the Member is the representative, would send me a list of the places where they consider it necessary that Government should open girls' schools for Elavas and other castes similarly situated, Government would gladly enquire and do what they can.

In regard to the Sanskrit College and Patasala, Government adhere to the answer they gave to the last Assembly that these two institutions could not now be thrown open to the Elavas.

50. *Raising the standard of the Shertallay English Middle School.*

Mr. Narayanan Nilakantan (Member, Shertallay Taluk) said that there was at present only an English Middle School in the taluk and that the people underwent great trouble in having to send their young boys to Kottayam or Alleppey. He requested therefore that the school might be raised to the High School standard.

Dewan's reply.—The Inspector of Schools will be asked to report on the suggestion made by the Member.

VIII.—Religious and Charitable Institutions.

51. *Certain suggestions for the better management of the religious and charitable institutions.*

Mr. M. K. Govinda Pillai (Member, Trivandrum Taluk) advocated the imposition of certain limitations and restrictions upon the eleemosynary aid that was being given by the State. He observed that an answer to his proposition

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